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REMARKS

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1. On 17 January 1954, the Strassburg Kaserne in Grimma was occupied by about 1,100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including about 100 troops with artillery insignia, 400 troops with tank insignia and 200 troops with motor transport insignia. T-34/85 tanks, 37-mm AA guns, 76.2-mm field guns and 57-mm AT guns in the barracks area. On 6 January, a column of 8 trucks, each towing a 37-mm AA gun and carrying 8 to 10 troops was seen entering the installation. On 8 January, 30 troops received instruction on armored personnel carriers mounting 1 machine gun and 1 twin-barreled machine gun; and 10 troops received instruction on 76.2-mm field guns. On 16 January, truck occupied by 10 troops entered the installation.

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2. On 17 January, the Elsnor Kaserne was occupied by about 550 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets, including about 200 troops with engineer insignia, about 22 troops with signal insignia and about 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia and black-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. On 13 January, 1 crane mounted on vehicle and truck occupied by 30 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia entered the installation from the direction of the engineer practice bridge, 1 km southeast of Grimma. At about 5 p.m., the truck, which was occupied by 30 troops, again left toward the bridge. On 15 January, a column of crane trucks loaded with bridge building timber and 4 trucks with pontoons, left the barracks installation toward the practice bridge.

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3. On 17 January, the buildings just south and north of the Nagema were occupied by a guard detail of about 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 6 January, a colonel wearing red-bordered golden epaulets with tank insignia entered the quarters.

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4. During the last week in December, about 40 officers' wives with children arrived in Grimma from the USSR. No rooms were confiscated but the dependents, mostly

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of field-grade officers, were quartered in the former officers' billets
near Strassburg Kaserne.

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confirm in Grima the units of the 8th Gds Hecz Div carried
there.

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